

REMARKS

The undersigned appreciates a telephonic conference of September 16, 2005 for clarifying the objections in the currently pending Office Action.

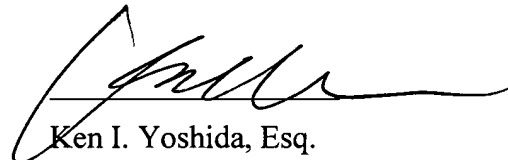
As we discussed, the subject matter limitations of objected claims 5 and 15 have been respectively incorporated into original independent claims 1 and 11. Since the independent claims have been amended in the last response, the subject matter limitations have been restored to their original form. Furthermore, their independent claims have been cancelled while some dependent claims have been amended to change their dependency.

In view of the above claim amendments and cancellations, Applicants now believes that the pending claims will overcome all of the pending rejections as the Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit to the Examiner that the pending rejections under the sections 102 and 103 should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a favorable Office Action so indicating.

Respectfully submitted,

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